

Homeowner Lead/Copper Sample Collection Procedures

Please read thoroughly, fill in information requested and place with your sample for pickup by the water system.

These samples are being collected to determine the lead and copper levels in your drinking water. This sampling effort is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Mississippi, and is being accomplished through the cooperation of homeowners and residents.

Collect samples from a faucet that has not been used for a minimum of six (6) hours. Because of this requirement, the best time to collect samples is either early in the morning or in the evening upon returning from work. **Be sure to use faucets that have been in general use by your household for the past few months. Collecting samples from rarely used faucets may produce erroneous results.** The collection procedure is described below.

Important! There must be a minimum of six (6) hours during which there is no water used from the faucet the sample is taken from and any faucets adjacent or close to that faucet. We recommend that either early mornings or evenings upon returning home are the best sampling times. These times ensure that the necessary water conditions exist.

A kitchen or bathroom cold-water faucet is to be used for sampling. If you have water softeners on your kitchen faucet, collect your sample from a bathroom faucet that is not attached to a water softener, if possible. Place the opened sample bottle below the faucet and gently open the cold-water faucet. Fill the sample bottle to the top, just before overflow and turn off the water.

Tightly cap the sample bottle and using a ball point pen, print all the information requested on the sample label. The labels provided are pressure sensitive dual labels.

IF ANY PLUMBING REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT HAVE BEEN DONE IN THE HOME SINCE THE PREVIOUS SAMPLING EVENT, NOTE THIS INFORMATION IN THE COMMENTS SECTION OF THE LABEL. IN ADDITION, IF YOUR SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED FROM A FAUCET WITH A WATER SOFTENER, NOTE THIS AS WELL.

Place the sample and this completed form outside of the residence in the location of the delivery so that water system staff may pick it up.

Results from this monitoring effort will be provided to participating customers when reports are furnished by the state. If excessive lead/copper levels are found, you will be notified as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please contact your water system or the MS State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply at 601.576.7518.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RESIDENT

Water was last used: Time: _____	Date: _____
Sample was collected: Time: _____	Date: _____

I have read the above instructions and have taken a tap sample in accordance with these directions.

Signature

Date